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BRADFORD B. LANE was born in Lincoln County, Ontario, Canada, February 5, 1838, and died at his home near Maxwell, Iowa, July 16, 1913. He attended common school in his native town and graduated in the Bellville Academy. He then taught school two years and in 1860 entered Oberlin College, remaining there two years. The three following years he was in his native country but in 1865 he came to Palmyra, Warren County, Iowa, and taught school. He was ordained a minister by the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1867, and two years later an elder. He then had charge of various churches until 1872 when he settled on a farm in Washington township, Polk County, and for ten years cultivated his farm and preached for the Highland Congregational Church. Failing health caused him to quit preaching. In 1889 he was elected representative and re-elected in 1891, thus serving in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth General Assemblies. In the former, following the custom of the senior member from Polk calling the house to order, he became temporary speaker, and presided during the two weeks of the famous deadlock, or until an organization was effected. He served ably and satisfactorily. After his retirement he frequently contributed to public journals on leading questions of the day.

L. B. PARSHALL was born at Interlaken, Seneca County, New York, June 28, 1845, and died at Canton, Jackson County, Iowa, May 9, 1913. He attended common school, Northville, New York, Academy and Yale University, graduating from the latter with the degree of Ph. D. He was in Chicago in 1872 in mercantile business one year. He then went to Kansas and engaged in the cattle business until 1877, after which he returned to New York. In 1881 he removed to Jackson County, Iowa, and engaged in farming and live stock business on a large scale. In 1892 he was elected superintendent of schools of Jackson County, holding the position until 1897. In that year he was the candidate for state superintendent of public instruction on the Democratic ticket. In 1908 he was elected state senator and served in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies.

GEORGE LEUDERS was born at Jaemstad, Germany, January 30, 1861, and died at New Liberty, Iowa, January 24, 1919. He came with his parents to America in 1875, locating at Davenport. He attended common school and business college in Davenport. In 1887 he located at New Liberty and engaged in the lumber business and in buying and selling live stock. In 1905 he became cashier of the German Savings Bank of New Liberty and later became its president. He held numerous township offices and was mayor of New Liberty from 1909 to 1915. In 1914 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly.

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